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Practice Areas

Government Contracts

REAs, Claims, and Appeals

Bid Protests

Construction

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

GSA Federal Supply Schedules

Education

George Mason University School of Law, J.D., 2014

Saint Joseph's University, B.S.B.A., 2011

Bar/Court Admissions

Virginia

District of Columbia

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Sam Finnerty is a trusted legal partner to government contractors, helping businesses secure, defend, and maximize federal contracting opportunities. With deep expertise in federal procurement, construction law, small business programs, and litigation, Sam provides strategic counsel to contractors navigating the complex world of government compliance and disputes.

A seasoned advocate, Sam represents contractors in high stakes bid protests before the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition (ODRA), U.S. Court of Federal Claims (COFC), and state/local procurement agencies. He also defends and pursues small business size and socio-economic status protests before the Small Business Administration (SBA) and its Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA). As a key member of the firm's Government Contract Claims & Appeals Group, Sam has extensive experience handling Contract Dispute Act claims, requests for equitable adjustment (REAs), cure notice and show cause responses, terminations, and contract performance disputes.

Beyond litigation, Sam helps businesses leverage federal set-aside programs, advising on the 8(a), HUBZone, SDVOSB, WOSB, and All Small Mentor-Protégé Programs. He drafts and negotiates teaming agreements, GSA CTAs, joint ventures, subcontracts, mentor-protégé agreements, and other contracts to ensure clients remain competitive in the federal marketplace. Additionally, Sam advises contractors on a diverse array of regulatory compliance issues arising under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and SBA regulations, including recertification, limitations on subcontracting, organizational conflicts of interest (OCI), adverse past performance evaluations (CPARs), security clearances (FCLs and PCLs), and affiliation. Sam also works closely with the firm's Business & Transactions Group to guide contractors through mergers and acquisitions (M&A), due diligence, and novation

agreements, ensuring seamless transitions in government contracting.

Sam is an active member of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) GovConNet Council, which advocates on behalf of the contracting community. He also supports the Veteran Institute for Procurement (VIP) by providing frequent trainings and instruction to its veteran-owned small business members.